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In Re Application of Asrar, Sanders and Ding	)	Examiner: Alton N. Pryor
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Serial No: 10/081,023	)	Art Unit: 1616
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Filed: February 21, 2002	)	Deposit Account: 50-2548
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Title: *Method for improving yield and vigor*	)	
of plants by treatment with diazole, triazole,	)	
or strobilurin-type fungicides	)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION REQUIRING ELECTION OF SPECIES

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